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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate East and Southeast winds; fine today, becoming cloudy tonight; rather milder. Noon Observations: Barometric pressure 1023.7 mbs., 39.23 in. Temperature 60.1 deg. F. Dew point 65 deg. F. Relative humidity 57. Wind direction ESE. Wind force 6 knots. High water: 6 ft. 2 in. at 8.31 p.m. Low water: 2 ft. 6 in. at 1.25 a.m. (Tuesday).

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Sudden Death Of Tommy Handley

London, Jan. 9.—The famous British radio comedian, Tommy Handley, died at his London home today after a seizure.

Handley ranked among the first three or four of Britain's favourite radio comedians. His regular Thursday evening radio show "It's that man again" was estimated to have drawn a listening audience of well over ten million.

This afternoon, the British Broadcasting Corporation was still broadcasting a recorded version of last Thursday's show before they had learned of Handley's death.

Mr Handley's age was not listed in any reference book, but was believed to be 52. He collapsed shortly before noon and died a few hours later.

ITMA BROUGHT FAME

Born in Liverpool, he started work as an apprentice on the Corn Exchange, later becoming a toy manufacturer's salesman, and reached the stage before the first World War.

He had been broadcasting since the early days of radio but his nationwide fame came with the "ITMA"—abbreviation for "It's that man again" show, started in 1939 and continued with few interruptions until last Thursday.

It was described as "an experiment in noise" and was distinguished for its high spirits, great speed and nonsensical savviness.

At Savoy Hill the first home of British radio, he met Jean Ollistone, the soprano, and married her in 1929, after what was the first "microphone romance."—Reuter.

H.K. CONDOLENCES

This morning, Mr Keith Hardy, Radio Hongkong Secretary, sent the following cable to the BBC:

All staff Radio Hongkong send profoundest regrets death of Tommy Handley to family and many BBC friends.

Flying Doctors' Appeal

Brisbane, Jan. 9.—The Australian Flying Doctor Service Committee has asked New South Wales wool growers to add its funds.

The Service—which provides medical aid by air in remote areas—hopes to raise £10,000.—Reuter.



The Late Tommy Handley

Seaman Saves Lives Of His Five Mates

Belfast, Jan. 9.—When the storm-battered Canadian freighter, Cumberland County, reached harbour at Belfast tonight the crew told how an able-seaman saved five of his companions by letting them cling to his body in the wash of giant waves across the deck.

The ship's hole was full of water and some of her plates were sprung.

At the height of a storm off Narvik, Norway, a huge wave swept Bill Brace, of Toronto, and five others to the rails. He gripped an iron rod with one hand and hung on while the five clung to his body. "If his strength had failed, all of us would have been lost," one of the men said.

The 7,170 tons freighter was bound from Narvik to Baltimore with 5,000 tons of iron. She survived merciless battering for four days in the worst storm in the crew's memory.

Members of the crew said that at times they thought the ship could not possibly keep afloat.—Reuter.

SHIP DETAINED

Ostend, Jan. 9.—The Belgian maritime police have detained the 352-ton Finnish auxiliary sailing vessel Koliusto at Zeebrugge, after the alleged discovery aboard her of a quantity of arms, including rifles and revolvers.

The vessel, whose home port is Rauma, arrived at Zeebrugge on New Year's Eve.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Misconceptions Eliminated

COLONEL Ride's address to newspapermen last week brought clarification to many obscure points connected with the reorganization of the Hongkong Volunteers, and for that reason alone will be appreciated by those who may previously have been suffering from misconceptions about the precise role which the force is intended to play.

Aides from the argument whether the new HKVDF should be wholly a local security body—a sort of highly trained auxiliary police force—rather than a full-blown military organization, little room is now left since Colonel Ride's ex- position, to complain about the blue-print for the new defence force.

It is very largely autonomous, it is essentially a unit of the regular forces with each component coming under the operational direction of either the GOC, C-in-C or AOC.

This means that in a state of emergency the Volunteers will be an integral fighting arm of the regular forces, commanded in the field by their own properly trained officers, but specifically directed by one of the Service chiefs.

This, in itself, gives the new Volunteer Defence Force a more defined status and one that is consolidated by the fact that the Volunteers' pay will be based on the pay code of the regular services, with no discrimination between races; and that dependents will be guaranteed financial protection in the event of the Volunteers being called out, or through loss of life or incapacity in the line of duty.

Colonel Ride argues powerfully for the retention of racial grouping within the Defence Force, and with the promise of non-discrimination much of the previous objection to this system disappears.

It is still conceivable, however, that some Chinese, for example, might prefer to join a non-Chinese section of the force and it is presumed that it is intended the system of recruitment shall be sufficiently

elastic to permit of this. To force a man or woman into a company against his personal preference runs the danger of denying the meaning of voluntary recruitment. It is now made clear that the new Hongkong Volunteer Defence Force is to be moulded on sound, constructive and sensible lines, and this, together with the natural desire to do all that is possible to protect the place in which we live and share our friendships, should eliminate any hesitancy on the part of the men and women of the Colony to join the HKVDF when it comes into official existence next month.

Money For Nowt?

GOVERNMENT has announced an increase in radio licence fees from \$12 to \$20 a year.

How like our officials to add new burdens to a community already groaning under the high cost of living, without at the same time indicating what, if any, additional service the public can expect from the higher fees.

Memory tells us that a substantial percentage of listeners

intimated through a Telegraph questionnaire on Radio Hongkong that they were willing to stand higher licence fees provided the station gave them early morning transmission and generally improved programmes by the employment of qualified script and continuity writers and announcers.

Government, apparently, seem fit to take this as a mandate for increasing the fees, but without giving any assurance about fulfilling listeners' conditions.

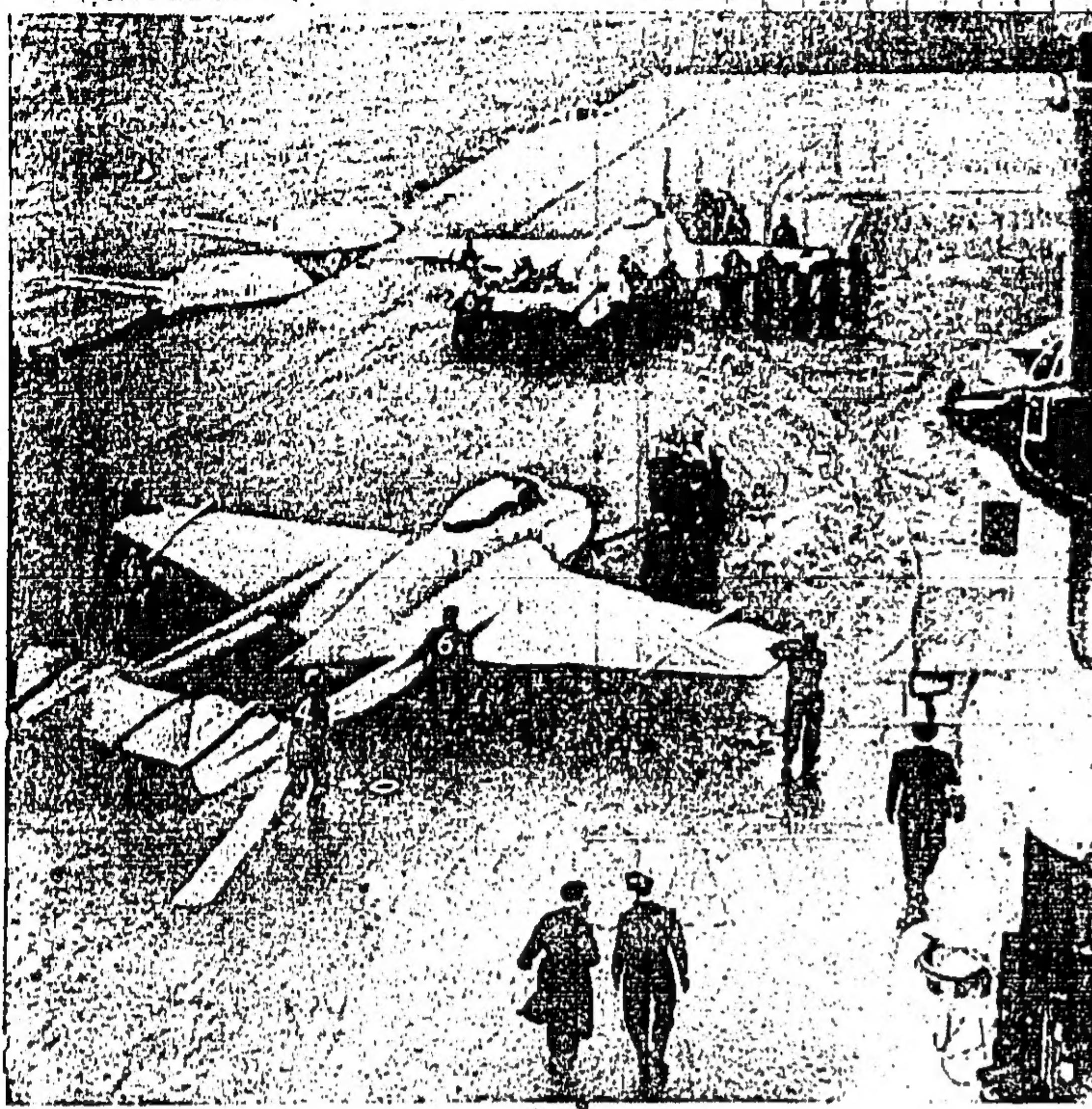
There can be only one justification for obtaining eight dollars a year more for every radio receiving set in Hongkong: that is the provision of more and better entertainment from Radio Hongkong, and listeners will expect an early announcement that this is to be done.

Otherwise, they will have every right to feel they have been cheated by a mercenary Government.

More than 20 shells fell inside the Peking University compound shattering glass and causing considerable damage to the building, it was revealed.

—Reuter-AAP.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



A-BOMB DEFENCE—A seagoing version of the jet-propelled de Havilland Vampire, one of which is due in Hongkong tomorrow, seen on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Illustrious during a mock atom bomb battle in the Atlantic recently.



BEFORE MY TIME—Clyde Weber, left, scratches his head in bewilderment as he inspects a strange object he fished out of the Kaw River in Topeka, Kansas. George D. White points to several fist-sized teeth in the 50-pound object, indicating that it may possibly be a prehistoric animal.



CATS ON PARADE—Some entrants at the 32nd championship show of the Empire Cat Club in New York City. Mickey, top, a brown tabby male kitten, is all dressed up in blankets while away from his favorite stove. Bottom: Entered in the Household Pets class is this cosy family trimmed with ribbons.



FOR GERMAN CHILDREN—Capt. Roy Benson receives gifts from New York Girl Guides destined for Germany. Over 400 lbs of parcels, collected by the Guides, are being flown without charge to be distributed to German boys and girls by the American Friends Service Committee.



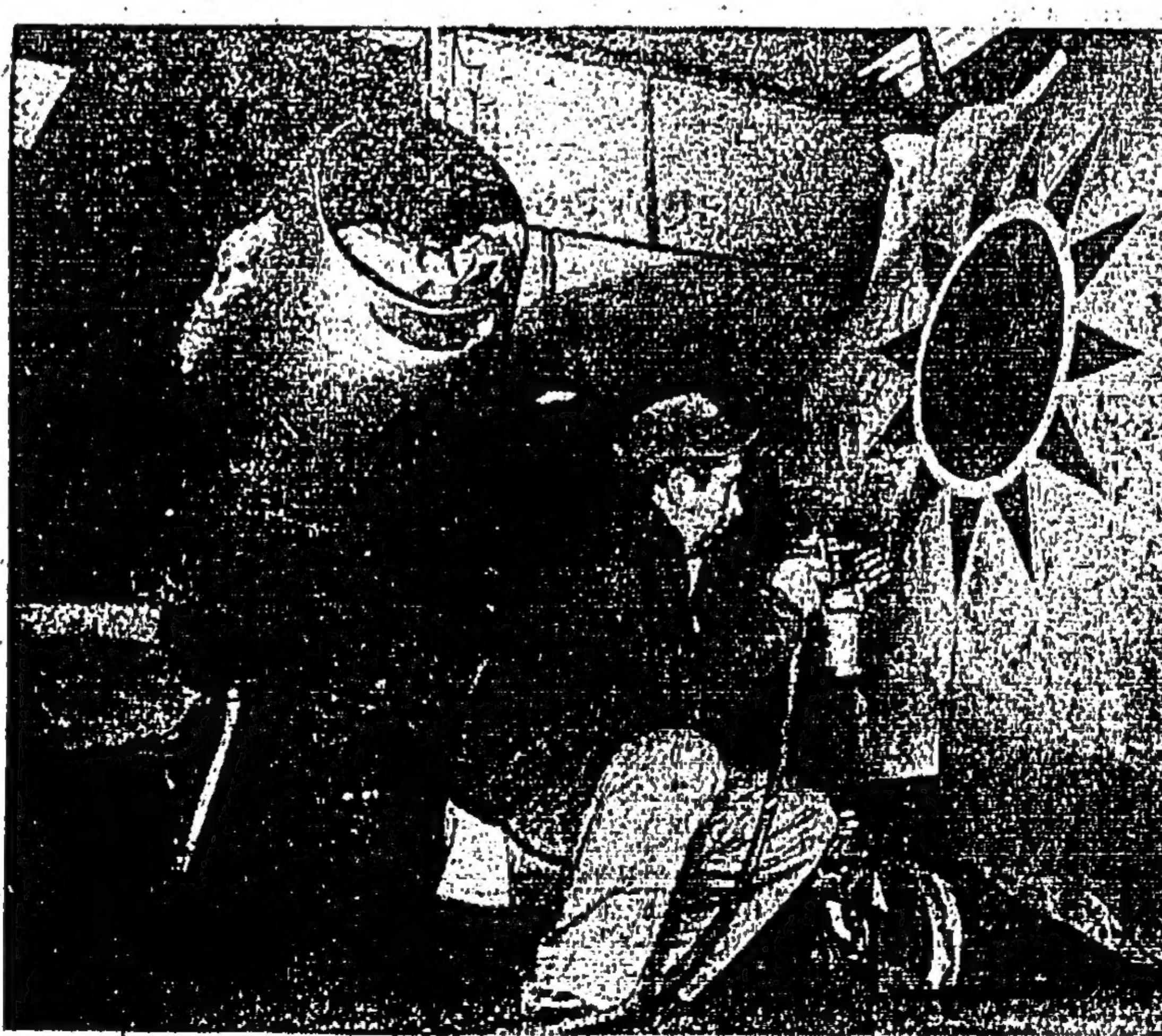
RELAXING MOOD—Film actress Virginia Grey presents an interesting contrast in this relaxing pose. Her tanned legs bring out the features of her revealing white gown.



TOYS FOR EXPORT—Nuremberg's world famous toys are still being produced—but few of them go to German children. As in Britain, the accent in Germany today is on export. Here a worker demonstrates a model railway.



TRUDGING WEARILY HOME—With a bit of satisfaction, two elderly Berlin women wend their way home with allotted 25-pound sacks of coal on their backs. Coal distribution for house heating has been going on since late November.



PLANES FOR CHINA—A painter puts the finishing touches to a Chinese Air Force insignia in a Grand Prairie, Texas, aircraft plant. The plane is one of 95 Mustang fighters being overhauled for shipment to the Chinese Nationalists. The planes are taken apart and crated before shipping.

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NEW YORK:

BOOTLEGGING is making a big comeback in the U.S.

So much so that revenue men are going out in reconnoissance planes in the backwoods country to spot well-hidden illicit stills.

The reason is not because liquor is hard to get. In all but a few States Americans can buy all the liquor they want during all the hours they are likely to be awake.

It is the high cost of living and the ever-growing cost of drinking.

Taxes on whisky, tripled since 1940, mean that the cheapest American-made whisky costs more than \$1 a bottle. But "white lightning," the popular name for the bootleg product, avoids taxes and sells for only 15¢ a gallon.

A NIGHTWATCHMAN (name withheld) knows more Roosevelt secrets than all the Roosevelt biographers put together. It was disclosed during a New York hearing that he found out by accident a way of tapping the White House telephone and, "intent only upon entertainment and recreation," listened to everything that was said for a whole year.

MAN OF THE YEAR, according to a poll of 1,200 American newspaper editors, is President Truman. Others, in order of importance—Stalin, Marshall, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Marshall plan boss Paul Hoffman, General Eisenhower, Thomas Dewey, Chiang Kai-shek, Bevin, Tito.

EMBARRASSED by too many officials talking without thinking, an unnamed Washington big-wig asked the world not to take them ill. "The trouble is," he told one reporter, James Reston, "that nobody in the world will believe we could administer power so casually. They think we are being devous and even malicious when we are merely being careless."

NEW YORK'S licensing authorities have turned down an application for a slot machine to serve Scotch and sodas automatically.

A LETTER to Santa Claus "a lot of us would like to write" was written by New Yorker Alice Wolff. It read: "Dear Santa Claus—Please send America Winston Churchill for Christmas to lead us and help us avoid all those troubles and problems that seem in the offing."

TELLING
TALES
... of the
kind of world
we are living in today

Forms . . . forms . . . and still more forms to fill in! The White-chapel merchant who had begun by merely worrying about the procedure of controls could now no longer get a night's good sleep. He went to his doctor.

"Count sheep," said the doctor. "It's an old trick, but it still works."

A week later the doctor saw his patient again—more haggard and heavy-eyed than ever.

"Well . . ." began the doctor—but got no further.

"Listen, doctor," came the interruption. "I counted 50,000 sheep. I sheared the sheep and made them into 50,000 overcoats. But that's kept me awake ever since: Where can I get the licence for the 50,000 linings?" * * *

In Paris the new name for General Deletraz de Tassigny is General D. D. T.—because the French Army is due for a general clean-up.

And in Hollywood they have a funny name for Marriage, too: after a little while they call it quits.

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"What's the matter with your finger?"

"I was in the High-street getting some cigarettes yesterday and a fool stepped on my hand."

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The general manager asked the shop steward to his office, offered him the armchair.

And then he said: "Listen, Jones, I've paid your staff canteen bill, settled your superannuation policy, seen to your welfare club subscriptions, settled your P. A. Y. E. with the income tax office, advised the local Ministry of Labour bureau, cleared up your case with the union, and written out a cheque for your cost-of-living bonus, extra salary in lieu of notice, accumulated credits and overtime pay. Jones—you're fired."

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They had been spending Christmas with his wife's people—and it had been a pretty tedious experience. In the train going home the husband turned to his wife and said, "I'll say one thing for your relatives . . . like your mother-in-law better than mine."

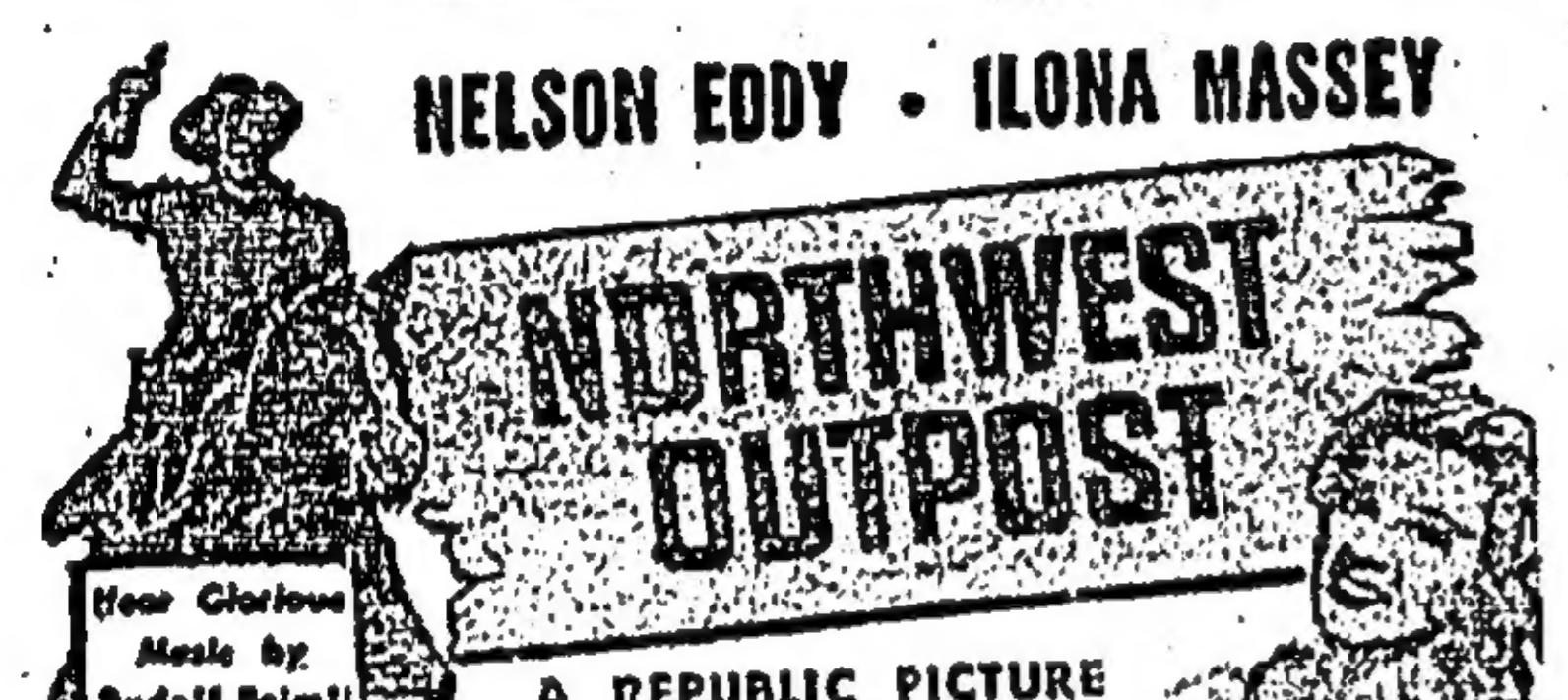
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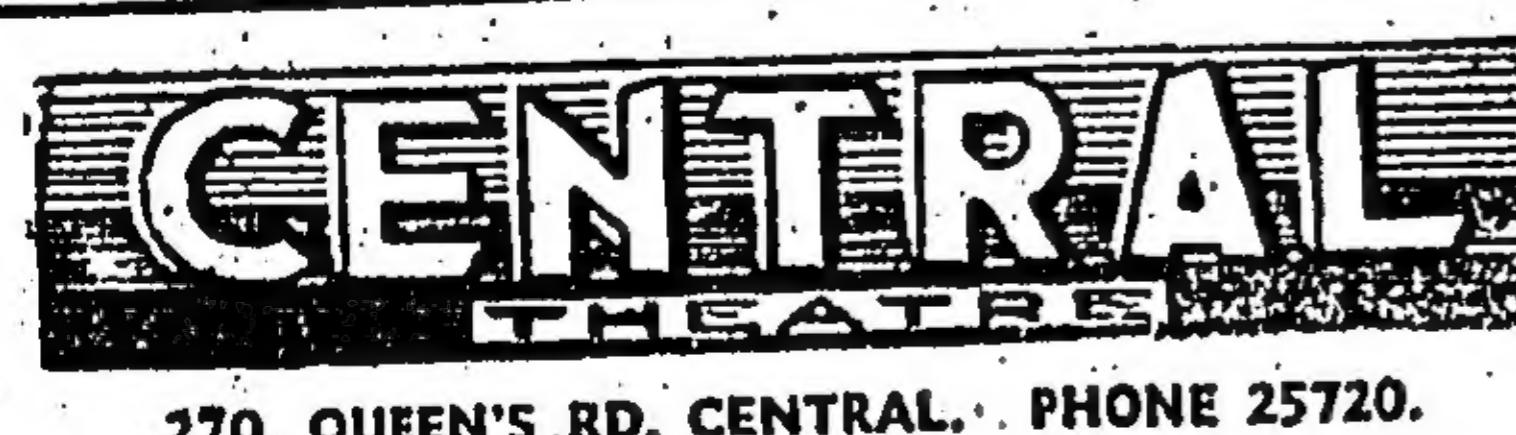
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SEVENTH INSTALMENT:

EISENHOWER WAS
MY BOSS

By KAY SUMMERSBY

THAT night marked the first talk about a spectacularly secret conference to be held at Casablanca.

At the mention of names of the calibre of Roosevelt, Churchill, De Gaulle, Hopkins, Giraud, Tedder, Pound and Mountbatten, I tingled with anticipatory excitement. The General certainly would be a star delegate and I most certainly would drive him. It seemed a sure thing. It soon was evident, however, that the only female guests would be those capable of super-stenographic work. I wasn't invited to the biggest party in Africa.

Still more disturbing news—that Dick had been transferred up to Second Corps and possible front-line action—was partially offset by a blessed gift from the limitless store of Eisenhower's thoughtfulness. When he heard Dick was coming to Algiers on brief Corps duty, the General called me in. "Kny," he said, "I understand Dick's coming to town?" I nodded. "Well," he continued, "you two can't talk or have much privacy up there at the billet with other women hanging around." He smiled. "When Dick arrives, tell him I want him to stay at my villa, as long as my personal guest, as long as he's here."

General Marshall had returned to Washington by the time our missing Prime Minister showed up, revealing impishly that he had sneaked away for a hush-hush conference with the President of Turkey. He stayed with Admiral Cunningham, whose villa was in the same compound as that of General Eisenhower, in order to permit joint security measures.

When we pulled into the narrow, palm-lined driveway of General Eisenhower's villa that day, I spotted the familiar siren-suit headed our way. The General got out to greet the P.M. effusively; I stood by quietly, unable to salute, as a civilian, certain he wouldn't remember a mere army driver. After chatting with Ike for a few moments, however, Mr. Churchill came over to the car, walking right up to shake hands heartily.

Shortly after the Casablanca conference and its iron demand for unconditional surrender by the Axis, we were invaded by an army of VIP's who wanted to visit the General and Allied headquarters before returning to their respective homes. Unfortunately, Mr. Churchill failed to appear, although scheduled, and all of us were particularly disappointed that President Roosevelt hurried home without a visit to Algiers. But I did meet General Sir Alan Brooke again, warming to that friendly personality, which always comes as a surprise to anyone expecting Colonel Blimp on being introduced to the "Chief of the Imperial General Staff." With him and General Eisenhower, it was "Brooks" and "Ike."

I also renewed acquaintance with the only one of General Eisenhower's friends or associates who never got around to calling him Ike—General Marshall, who invariably, despite their long and close association, talked to Ike as "Eisenhower." In retaining this formality General Marshall was in character. He always greeted me immediately and shook hands in outward cordiality, yet I never could quite overcome

what amounted to a touch of fear of him. Perhaps it was because of his military bearing, his careful speech, his somewhat fatherly attitude towards General Eisenhower; perhaps it was because General Marshall was my Boss's Boss.

Regardless, even though I came to know him quite well in the months and years ahead, I felt there was an untouchable barrier, a barrier unequalled among all the scores of celebrated persons I met during the war. Nonetheless, I shared the universal respect for General Marshall's military genius and found him always the perfect military officer, the perfect Southern gentle-

Hush-hush in Turkey

AND I respected him even more after General Eisenhower told me his Boss had ordered Butch to see that the Supreme Commander took better care of himself, that he pay less attention to extra office hours and more to his health, that he get a place in the country and try to manage some exercise. The entire staff worried over General Ike's health; he refused to work normal hours, he declined to bed down with a lingering touch of flu, he never exercised, he suffered from increasing insomnia, and he worked at murderous p.c.

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Ike's Promotion

USING the inevitable cigar as a baton, he opened the conversation by remarking: "Well, Kay, thought I'd find you here. How are you making out, driving on the right hand side of the road?"

He made me perfectly at ease, with his natural buoyancy; down-right appealing in his obvious pleasure at this warlike vacation from Downing Street, he was a far cry from a man one might visualize as carrying the cares of the British Empire on his hunched shoulders.

Five days later, General Ike received his fourth star.

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songs, "One Dozen Roses" and "Roll Out the Barrel." Then we settled down to a serious game of bridge. It was the General's last carefree evening for many a week.

At seven o'clock the next morning we set out for Constantine, Tebessa, and the scene of what turned into the sad American defeat at Kasserine Pass.

This was my first combat drive, with no resemblance to piloting the General around rural England. We started out in protective convoy, accompanied by two Jeeps, a spare sedan and a weapons carrier. Once on the main highway, I realised the protection was planned for possible aerial attack. Some stretches of that route were as lonely as only desert country can be. Still, to me, they were absolute heaven compared with the spots where we hit supply convoys travelling the Red Ball Express; the road was two-lane at best, with soft shoulders, and truck drivers hogged that centre part with frightening insistence, despite the sound of our little group's horns, the siren in our car, the flags, and the four-star licence plates. The solid, miles-long lines of huge trucks constituted a dangerous, exasperating obstacle course. With my vulnerable passenger in the back seat, and remembering the rumours of sudden paratroop attacks on the open stretches, I began to see that driving a General in wartime is far from glamorous. Chilly, rainy weather added a final hazard.

Up Front

THE General's sole concern, however, was the continual collection of grins, whistles, wolf calls, and coarse remarks I harvested in this exclusive male territory. He cursed and tried to look as stern as possible, muttering about the lack of discipline; I attempted not to smile, pretending that I neither heard nor saw the wholly natural reaction of these men to a woman, any woman.

Our party spent the night at Constantine; I billeted with a small group of nurses. We left there before dawn for Tebessa, where we picked up an escort to show us the forces-hidden Command Post and to guide us through the surrounding lake of mud. My passenger confided with General Anderson, the "Dour Scot," then talked the reluctant General into a trip right up to the actual front.

I went off in search of Dick, stationed at Corps headquarters. Female-like, I was a little surprised that a woman's presence this far forward caused so little attention. I attributed it to my appearance—hardly slinky, what with dirty placks, battle blouse, and an old Air Corps flying jacket. Dick soon enlightened me; the battle situation was so fluid that Rita Hayworth wouldn't have drawn a whiz.

Things were bad, really bad. Dick himself was busy, and we had only snatches of conversation. I sat around morosely, sucking up the contagious apprehension, well aware this was no time for feminine chitchat with abandon as he chimed in with the gramophone on his favourite two

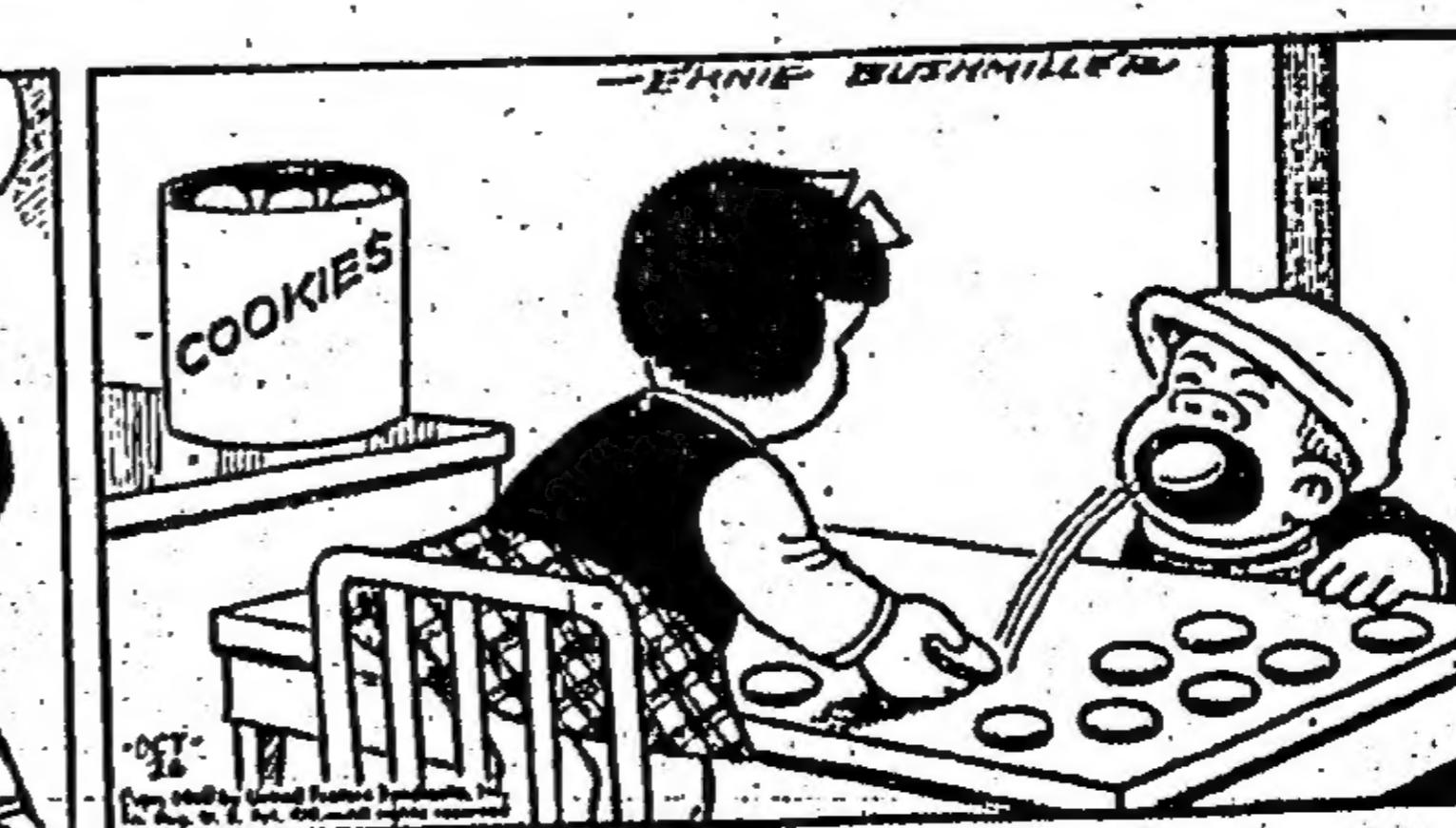
things.

Ethel confirmed the Boss' sharp diagnosis. I was in the hospital a week.

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CONTINUED TOMORROW).

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Hole In One



The PWD Larceny Trial Resumes

BROTHER OF FIRST ACCUSED IN WITNESS BOX

Cross-Examination About Cheques

Kwok Hing-cho, brother of the first accused Kwok Kwong, foreman, was cross-examined by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, defending Austin Spary, electrical inspector grade 1, at the resumed hearing of the P.W.D. Larceny Case before Mr Justice Reynolds and a jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Kwok Kwong, defended by Mr Percy Chen, and Spary face 12 charges alleging theft by public servant, obtaining money by false pretences from the K.B.G.C., and conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Replying to Mr D'Alton, Kwok Hing-cho said that in 1930 he joined John D. Hutchinson & Co and was stationed in Canton. He then started a native bank with Tsui Sik-chun also in Canton. After the war witness rejoined John D. Hutchinson's import and export department. Tsui at present was not in business and witness denied that Tsui was still in partnership with him. Witness also denied that he had any business connection with the name of Cheong Hing. He said he knew a man named Ah Yam, who was with the firm and knew Kwok Kwong.

Questioned further, witness admitted that he endorsed a cheque with the name Cheong Hing in Chinese. He also cashed the cheque,

BROTHER'S CHEQUE

Witness admitted he also made out another cheque and explained that both cheques were his brother's who had told him that they had come from proper sources.

Mr D'Alton: Do you know Spary?—No.

Have you ever cashed any cheques for Spary?—No.

Re-examined by Mr. A. Hooton (Crown Counsel), who is prosecuting, said that the Police visited him to make enquiries about the cheques, also about other matters.

Mr Hooton: How did you come to know this person Ah Yam of the Cheong Hing electrical shop?—I came to know him because I had seen him walking with a friend.

On whose authority did you write the name Cheong Hing on the back of the cheque?—My brother's.

Lam Yam, master of the Cheong Hing electrical shop, 7, Mercer Street, ground floor, said that during 1947 and 1948 he had no contracts for work at the Cathay Pacific Airways, Kowloon, Bowring Green Club, Cecilia Beauty Salon, or the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

At this stage, Mr Chen drew attention to the fact that witnesses who had concluded their evidence had left the Court. He said it would be better if they remained in Court until the end of the morning sessions or till the end of the afternoon sessions.

His Lordship agreed.

DIDN'T DO WORK

Mr Hooton: I have here a number of bills headed "due to Cheong Hing". Did you or your firm do any of the work enumerated on these bills which are the places which I have just enumerated?

Witness: No.

Can you say how these bills came to be made out on your paper?—This was done because Kwok Kwong told me that he had done such work and asked me just to make out the bills for him.

Where did he make that request?—After work he rang me up and asked me to go to a teahouse and there he made the request.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"My doctor simply insists that I go on a diet, and I'm starting right now—just look at these prices!"

INDONESIA:

Dutch Seek Talks With Republicans

Batavia, Jan. 9.—Republican circles here today reported tentative moves by the Dutch authorities to open unofficial discussions with the Republican leaders.

They believed similar approaches were being made to the Republicans in Jogjakarta. So far, these moves have not progressed, very far in Batavia, though a slight change in the Republican outlook here has become noticeable.

The tendency seemed to be to accept the facts of the existing situation as being beyond easy remedy.

The Republicans were apparently not pressing for major troop withdrawals. Instead, they urged modifications in the constitution of the Interim Federal Government, to permit Republicans to co-operate without too severe a strain on their principles.

The changes suggested would reduce the Interim powers of the Crown Representative and increase those of the Interim Government, with a fixed date for the transfer of sovereignty.

But the true state of Republican opinion has become most difficult to gauge, with four of the most important members of the Republican Government confined to Banks Island, four more restricted to the Island, four more restricted to the Jogjakarta area, one abroad and six in hiding or with the guerrillas.

And having made out the bills what did you do with them?—I handed them to Kwok Kwong.

All these bills have your chop on them.—Yes.

Who put the chop on?—The clerk. The trial is proceeding.

German Steel Workers Appeal To US

Dusseldorf, Jan. 9.—The management and workers of the Bochumer Verein steel works, in the British Zone, made a last appeal today to President Truman and to the U.S. Secretary of State requesting them to intervene to stop the partial dismantling of the works, due to

Mr. Rudolf Mueller, a Frankfurt lawyer, sent a cable to Washington on their behalf. It urged that the American Government should send a committee to Germany to inquire into the dismantling programme.

The telegram said that the workers refused to co-operate under pressure in the destruction of their livelihood. It described the dismantling as a blow against the idea of Western European co-operation and against the Marshall Plan.

Employees of the dismantling contractors have received written orders from the Military Government to carry out the work. As the steel workers' workers have been instructed by their union not to interfere, both German and British quarters tonight thought it unlikely that there would be any serious hitch tomorrow.—Reuter.

US Navy Clears Decks

In China

Tsingtao, Jan. 9.—The United States Navy in China is clearing the decks—just in case.

An Official Navy and Marine spokesman in Tsingtao—the base of the West Pacific Fleet—has announced that the present month-long streamlining process was prompted by economy and efficiency.

In the past three years the United States Navy has spread itself out comfortably in Tsingtao.

There were dependents to be taken care of, and the recreational needs of several thousand officers and men.

The last group of dependents, numbering about 200, will sail for home today aboard the General W. A. Mann.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in such facilities as officers' and enlisted men's clubs and gymnasiums, as well as harbour, air base and other installations.

Developments of the past few months have resulted in a policy of retrenchment and concentration of the widespread US holdings in Tsingtao. Official spokesmen stress that this policy has resulted in no loss of efficiency.

They go further and say that their increasingly "mobile" position puts them in better shape to meet eventualities than ever before.

With the foundations of the Chinese government growing shakier daily, mobility seems to be emerging as the keynote of American operations here.

Retrenchment gave rise to the original report of "withdrawal from China" of the United States Marines. But retrenchment by all appearances has turned out to be double-edged. Many billets and club facilities are being given up, but more money is being put into those that remain. The programme of improvement of installations and recreational facilities does not seem to have slackened in these centres.

The speculation which swept Tsingtao last week, as evidences of retrenchment became apparent, has died down considerably, though wild rumours are still circulating in the cafes which thrive on US Navy money.

One local barfly last night was still willing to bet US\$100 (the only currency which seems to be recognised hereabouts) that the Navy and Marines will be out of Tsingtao by the end of the month.

Vice Admiral Oscar Badger, Commander of the West Pacific Fleet, said, "Send him up to me and I'll take his bet."—Associated Press.

Europe's Railway Wagons Badly Need Repairs

Geneva, Jan. 9.—More than 15 percent of all railway wagons in Western Europe are out of use for want of repairs, according to figures published in Geneva today by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Western Europe's rolling stock was in better condition at the end of 1948 than it was immediately after the war, but there were still almost twice as many unserviceable wagons in 1948 as during an average pre-war year.

Western Europe had a total of 312,354 wagons out of service on November 30, 1948.

Great Britain was the only country in Western Europe with a greater percentage of unserviceable wagons in 1948 than in 1946.

Britain had a total of 147,381 wagons—12 percent of her entire rolling stock—awaiting repair on November 30, almost as many as in all the other Western European countries together.—Associated Press.

ACTION INVOLVING CANADIAN LAW AT SUPREME COURT

An action under Probate Jurisdiction and involving Canadian law was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court this morning. Plaintiff was a woman, Woo Yen Nui Oi, of 32 Taipo Road, Kowloon, and the defendants were William G. Woo and Daisy Woo, of 3, Cheung-shawan Road, Kowloon. Daisy Woo is at present living in Montreal.

The plaintiff claims that she was the wife and the person entitled to administration of the estate of the late Woo Chong, alias Woo Chong Kee, alias Woo Tsun Nin, and to have such grant of administration.

The defendants claim that, together with one Wesley S. Woo, confined since 1938 in a mental home in Canada, they are the present executors and sole beneficiaries under a pretended will of the deceased dated September 15, 1932, having entered a caveat alleging the validity of the said pretended will.

The plaintiff further claims declaration that the pretended will was revoked by the marriage of the plaintiff to the deceased on February 20, 1938.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr H. K. Woo, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr John McNeil, instructed by Mr F. G. Nigel, was for the defendants.

Dealing with the statement of claim, Mr Bernacchi said that the plaintiff was the *tsi fong* wife of Woo and had two sons, aged 13 and 12, respectively.

"I am certain in this case to open very strongly," said counsel. "It is my contention throughout that the children of the deceased by the first wife have acted in a despicable manner. Not content with a reasonable issue as to domicile they, by their defence, repudiate the whole of the alleged marriage of the plaintiff to the deceased. They contend that it is not a valid marriage in Hongkong and the whole relationship between the plaintiff and the deceased is completely denied.

"As regards that point I intend to produce the birth certificates of the two sons," he said.

Before 1933, said counsel, deceased had been in Canada for a number of years. He came to Hongkong and it would be the contention of the plaintiff that he came here with the intention of remarrying and settling down here to spend the rest of his days.

MARRIED IN CHINA

He was blind and was accompanied by the first defendant, William Woo. Arrangements were made through an intermediary for the marriage of the deceased to the plaintiff and in 1933 he went to his native district of Yanping, in China, and there married the plaintiff. They returned to the Colony as husband and wife and lived together.

"When he got married," said Mr Bernacchi, "the deceased was old and blind and it might well be that he did not expect issue of the marriage. When issue arrived of the two young babies got on his nerves and during the period from 1936 to 1942 the wife and children stayed in a separate house.

She visited her husband constantly and he frequently visited the children. From April, 1943, until the day of his death, the plaintiff lived with him in Hongkong. She insisted that the second defendant, Daisy Woo, was trying to get her.

Hearing is proceeding.

BRITONS EVACUATING ISRAEL, REPORT

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line and there is nothing I can say until I get their report."

Asked what he considered the biggest stumbling block to a peace settlement, Dr. Buncho said: "One of the biggest so far is that we have never been able to discuss it. The biggest problem has been to get the parties together. This is the first step."

In Tel-Aviv today, the Soviet Minister to Israel, M. Pavel Yershov, called on the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Shertok, and, according to political sources, offered Israel Soviet support in view of the "decolonizing situation."

These sources said Mr. Shertok told the Russian Minister that the Israeli Government did not feel the situation was grave enough but promised to keep the Soviet Minister informed.

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

The diplomatic activity in Tel-Aviv over the weekend was also reported to have included a 15-minute phone call from President Truman in Washington to the head of his diplomatic mission here, Professor James MacDonald.

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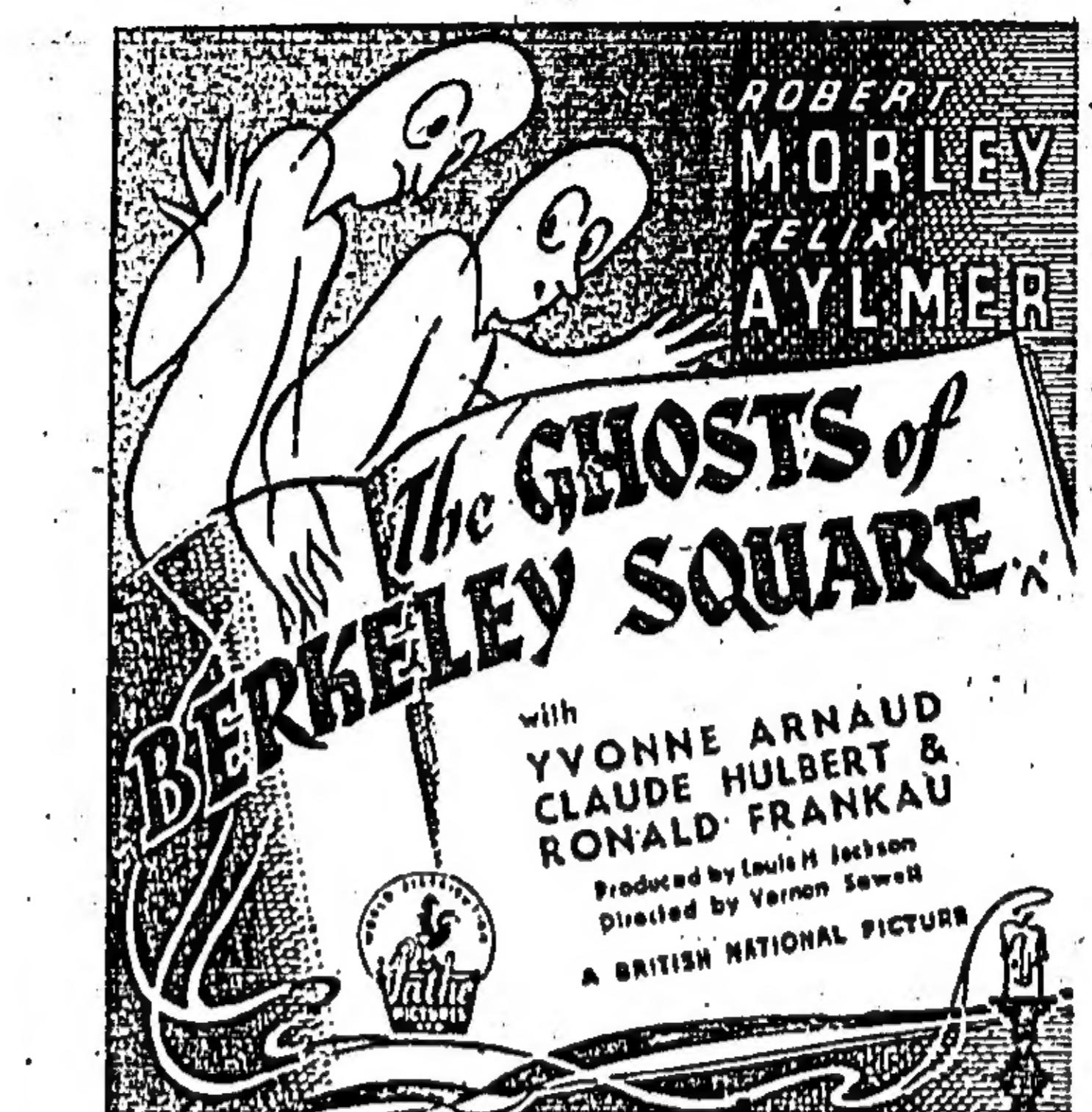
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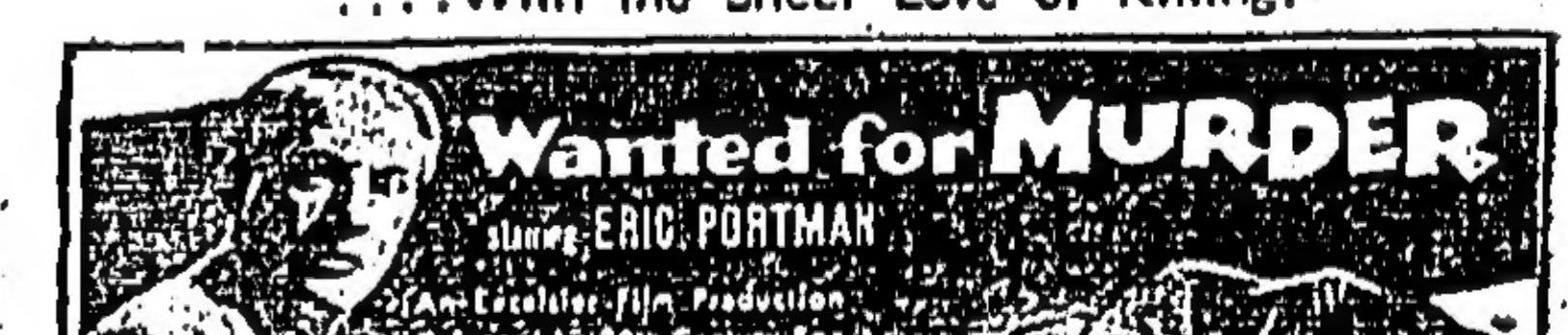
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Rome, London and Paris (CPO) 4 p.m. (Reg.); 4.30 p.m. (Ord.).

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET

BY "RECODER"

SCORPIONS AGAIN LOSE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Recreio, as expected, beat Craigengower at Happy Valley on Saturday to retain a commanding lead in the First Division of the Cricket League, but the surprise of the day was University's victory over a strong Scorpions' XI by 91 runs.

On a Sookunpoo wicket on which runs do not come easily, the youngest of the Gusanos carried his bat for 122 runs against the bowling of Howarth and Owen-Hughes to permit University to declare at the very comfortable total of 185 for six wickets.

University did not appear set to make a stand as, taking first lease of the wicket, they lost Tommy Lo for two runs on the board, S. M. Teh at 31 and Professor Ride at 32.

Gosano had got his eye in by this time and scored nicely all around the wicket, hitting 15 boundaries, a five, a three, 14 twos and 20 singles.

His 122 was the highest score for the season for both League and friendly matches. His previous best batting performance has been 72 against the RAF at Kai Tak.

It was Gosano also who dashed Scorpions' hopes of reaching a comparable score by holding first Kerr and then Stokes behind the wicket with the scoreboard showing five and 14.

Owen-Hughes, Leach and Richardson made a stand for the third and fourth wicket, but the tall stopped wagging at 94.

AT CHATER ROAD

At Chater Road, Army took the measure of the Optimists in a game that was featured by the second highest individual knock of the afternoon.

Major Dawe hit the Optimists' bowling about for 15 boundaries and a six for his 78. The Optimists, batting first, reached a comfortable 151. Army more than surprised by passing this total with five wickets in hand.

SCARE FOR RECREIO

Though Craigengower had reached 101 against Recreio in the first League match of the season, they would have been happy with 50 yesterday. They reached 83 as a result of a last wicket stand by Youngsage and Crabtree.

The latter, after hitting up 12, was bowled by Gerry Gosano to be

out the first time in League cricket this season, bringing down his batting average from infinity to 25.00.

Faced with 84 to make for a win with all the runs in the world, Recreio had lost four of their best wickets with 60 runs on the board and the situation, with Billimoria

of 12-3-22-2, though it does not suggest anything spectacular, represented one of the best bowling performances of the season.

Prata and Perera hit the runs necessary to a win but had another wicket fallen the Recreio tall, mostly Second Division, would have had a hard job of it.

DRAW AGAIN

The draw earlier this year at Cox's Path was repeated at Sookunpoo yesterday when time robbed the Indian Recreation Club of victory.

After having dismissed the KCC for 147, the Indians just reached the equivalent score with four wickets in hand and S. A. Ismail and Arculli well set for the winning run had time permitted.

The Royal Air Force and Royal Navy decided that the day was too cold for cricket and the fifth match of the day was not played.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreio	9	7	2	0	30
Army	9	5	3	1	23
Scorpions	9	5	3	1	23
University	10	4	3	3	19
Optimists	9	4	2	3	18
KCC	8	2	4	2	12
RAF	9	2	4	3	12
IRC	9	2	3	4	11
Craigengower	10	1	2	7	6
Royal Navy	8	0	2	0	2

SECOND DIVISION

The Indian Recreation Club Juniors took a long lead in the Second Division in defeating KCC by 56 runs. It was more than a creditable victory with the KCC fielding about its strongest Second Division side.

Recreio, short of players temporarily promoted to the First Division, beat an Army team in a similar situation by a narrow margin of eight runs.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts
IRC	6	5	1	3	13
Army	7	3	1	1	12
RAF	4	3	0	1	12
Royal Navy	4	2	0	2	8
Recreio	7	2	0	5	8
KCC	6	1	1	4	5

THIRD DIVISION

J. M. "Zino" Gosano, the

University wicket-keeper, surprised with the fourth century and the highest individual innings in either League or friendly cricket this season when he carried his bat for 122 runs against the Scorpions at Sookunpoo on Saturday. — Telegraph Staff Photographer.

giving away less than two runs an over, looked very uncomfortable. Had Crabtree been in equivalent form from the other end, Recreio could have well met defeat in the surprise upset of the season.

Billimoria kept an excellent length, varied his pace and kept some of the best batting in the League tied up. His final analysis

gives the following: 100 runs with an average of 15.00.

EXTRA PLAYER FOR WEST INDIES TEAM

Trinidad, Jan. 9.—The position regarding the sending of an extra player for the West Indies touring team in India as reflected by the press here is that the President of the West Indies Cricket Control Board cannot act on a request by the President of the India Control Board but only if the request for extra players comes from the captain of the West Indies team through the team manager.

Another factor is that members of the West Indies Cricket Board live in different islands and would have to consult one another by cable as a meeting could not easily be arranged.

The hope was expressed that the West Indies captain will ask for a relief and that Frank Worrall, now in English club cricket, would be chosen and released from his club for the purpose. — Reuter.

The causes are various but the fact remains that this is so as the scores prove.

An interesting national ranking list is given by the News Chronicle writer, Crawford Smith, who is a cricketer himself of no mean ability, having played in Lancashire League cricket.

He says that having seen all the Test sides in action, he ranks Australia first, England second, the West Indies third, South Africa fourth and India fifth (not having seen the New Zealanders in action, he does not rank them).

The Indians will probably not subscribe to the view that they should be put below South Africa and doubtless the West Indies might think they should go above England after the thrashing they gave the MCC touring side last winter.

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MCC TOUR

Port Elizabeth, Jan. 9.—The MCC touring cricketers ran up a total of 452 for nine wickets to-day in five and a half hours' batting against Eastern Province here.

C. H. Palmer (116) and Denis Compton (108) both scored centuries; it being Compton's sixth of the tour and Palmer's first.

Alan Watkins (83) and C. Gladwin (52 not-out) also registered their highest scores of the tour during the day's play, in which Eastern Province never revealed bowler of real danger.

Several of the MCC wickets fell through the batsmen attempting big hits. — Reuter.

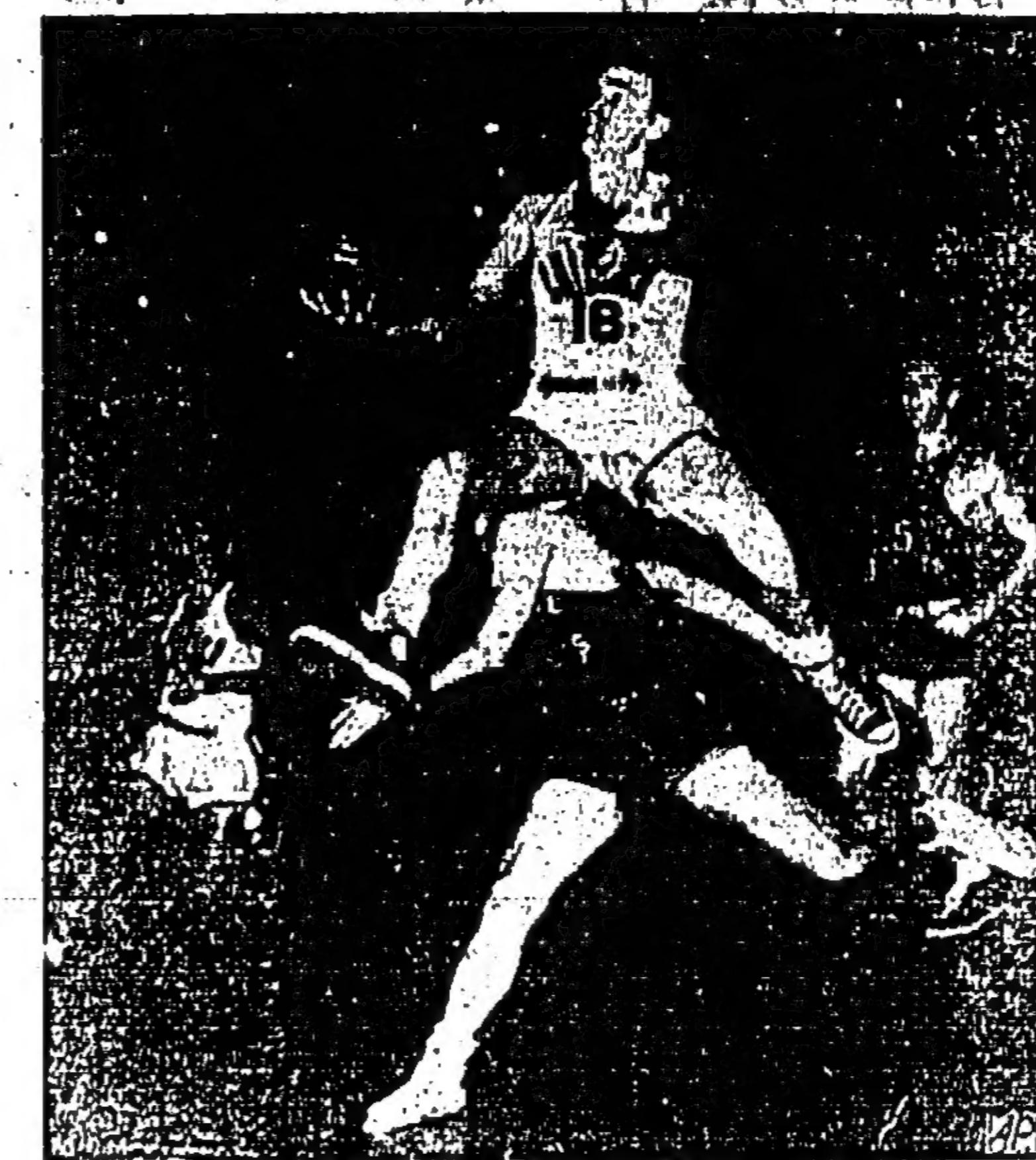
PLUNKET SHIELD

Auckland, Jan. 7.—B. Sutcliffe, the young New Zealand left-handed batsman who scored two centuries for Otago against the MCC two seasons ago, today accomplished another grand batting performance.

He and D. Taylor had an opening stand of 220, which featured the start of the Plunket Shield match between Auckland and Canterbury.

Sutcliffe, now playing for Auckland, scored 141 and Taylor 99. Sutcliffe is regarded as a certain choice for the New Zealand team visiting England this year, while Taylor is a possibility for that tour. — Reuter.

FLIES THROUGH THE AIR



Kenny Rollins (16), of Chicago, is shown high in the air attempting to catch the ball with the assistance of Stan Stutz (7), of Baltimore. Rollins was fouled on the play.

Chicago won by score of 75 to 70 in their professional game held at Indianapolis. — AP Wirephoto.

ENGLAND'S CRICKETERS CONFFOUND THE CRITICS

London, Jan. 9.—England's cricketers touring South Africa have already confounded their critics by their sterling play in that country. Before the tour started, it was reported in London that South African sportsmen were prepared to lay odds of six to four against England winning the rubber and even money that the tourists would not win a Test.

The odds now against an English Test series win would be very different. Already one up with two to play, England can hardly lose, for a drawn game in the Johannesburg Test seems probable.

The whole England team has done well in the Union with spinner-bowler Jenkins, the all-round left-hander Watkins, and George Mann, as captain, proving unexpectedly successful.

The batting has been very sound and the fielding exceptionally fine. The bowling has been the weak part of the team but that is an international malady not confined to the English team alone.

South Africa is suffering from it and so are the Indians and the West Indian Test sides. Today the world over, with Australia excepted, the bowling is not strong enough to force victory without the aid of weather clerk.

The causes are various but the fact remains that this is so as the scores prove.

A section of the crowd of 17,000 resented the heavy lackling of the Australians in the second half, in which some brilliant play was seen.

Puquin (two), Gibb, Hall, McMahon, de Belts and O'Connell with trials, and Froome, three goals and a penalty, scored for Australia. Cassie and Nogier scored tries for France, which were converted by Gomez. — Reuter.

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Former Test umpire Fred Root says that he for one would have declared the last run void had he been operating. It's an interesting point but for those who may have bet on the Test, the umpires operating allowed the run so if they lost they must pay up and look pleasant and if they backed England they can still draw their money.

The popularity of this English touring side is beyond doubt, which is extremely pleasing to the South African cricket authorities for they are getting gates beyond their wildest dreams. From the three Tests already played, more than £35,000 has been taken.

One of the conditions was that they arrive in Australia before January 8. A reservation was made for him to fly from San Francisco along with Lloyd La Beach on January 2.

McKenley is still in this country. — Associated Press.

McKENLEY FACES SUSPENSION

Newark, N.J., Jan. 9.—Herb McKenley, world's record holder for the 400 metres run, faces suspension by the Amateur Athletic Union for alleged failure to live up to a promise to race in Australia.

Dick Hudson, Secretary of the New Jersey AAU, said he has a letter from National Secretary Dan Ferris requesting the New Jersey section suspend McKenley pending "satisfactory explanation" of his action.

Hudson said the suspension would be carried out, on Monday, Ferris' letter said in part: "McKenley accepted an invitation on behalf of the Australia AAU to compete in Australia on January 15 and 16.

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FANNY KOEN MAY RETIRE

Sydney, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Fanny Blanks, a world famous Dutch athlete, will probably retire from athletics next year, as her husband told a Press conference that the couple jointly held today.

Fanny said that she would like to have more children.

They arrived here yesterday and will train here before Mrs. Koen runs in athletic events at Melbourne on January 24, Adelaide on January 26, Perth on January 29, and in Sydney on February 5 and 12. — Reuter.

KOREAN SPEED SKATERS

Melbourne, Jan. 9.—Two Korean speed skaters, Illy Chang Lee and Chang Nam Pyun, took part in a two days' international speed skating contest which ended today, but it was merely for training purposes and they did not achieve anything outstanding.

The players are said to be finding their wages insufficient for their own expenses and having in many cases to keep a wife and children at home.

It is believed that the South African Cricket Association may come forward with an offer of a substantial bonus for the Englishman in view of the success of the tour. It is also understood that the

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND

Preparations For The Home International

London, Jan. 9.—England and Scotland, who meet in what is perhaps the most attractive of the "home" soccer internationals at Wembley on April 9 are both taking steps to give their near-international players thorough tests.

Bearing in mind that two teams are required to tour the Continent in May, the England selectors may take the unusual course of holding a private trial between two teams of potential internationals.

Twenty-six players may be called upon to take part in the trial, which would be staged late in March after the semi-finals of the Football Association Cup had been played.

It is hoped that from the trial an England XI would emerge for the Continental tour which involves matches in Sweden, Norway and France and a "B" team which would play matches in Finland and Holland.

Scotland, in the happy position of having beaten Wales and Ireland, are hoping to arrange a trial with the Army side and are willing to come to England to play the match.

The suggested venue is Newcastle and the date sometime in February. The match would give Scotland the opportunity of trying out some of her shadow-team men in representative football and at the same time afford the Army XI with the necessary match practice and prepare them for matches against the Royal Air Force on March 9, the Royal Navy on March 10, the French Army on March 24 and the Belgian Army on April 6.

SOLD OUT

All tickets for the England-Scotland match have been sold, according to the Football Association. It is understood that the tickets have been distributed in the same manner as the Cup Final tickets, that is, "only through County Associations and clubs in full membership with the Football Association."

Such a method of distribution gives rise to comment for the Cup Final system has been much criticised in the past. To employ the same method for such a popular international means that many of football's true followers—the man on the terrace—will not be able to see the match.

This is the first time that tickets for the fixture have been dealt with in this way but, whatever the conditions on that day and on Cup Final day, the Wembley Stadium will be certain to be full and

Fate Of Far East In The Balance

MR BULLITT'S WARNING

Washington, Jan. 9.—Mr William C. Bullitt, former Ambassador to Moscow and Paris, who recently returned from China on a congressional mission, told the United Press today:

"I talked in China and other parts of the Far East with leading United States, British and French experts and they agreed with me that unless the United States is able to help Nationalist China to stem the advance of Communism European territories and independent nations on or near the Chinese borders will be gravely menaced."

"These experts are unanimous that if the Communists reached the southern Chinese borders, then not only the strategic position of European nations and the United States would be further affected, but severe economic losses might be incurred, further weakening the economic and financial situation in Western Europe."

MacArthur And Clay Pilloried

Soviet Propaganda

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Russian-controlled newspapers launched sharp new propaganda attacks yesterday against General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, and General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor in Germany.

At the same time a Soviet Army spokesman scolded the German people for remembering the misdeeds of Russian soldiers "and forgetting that the Russians brought the German freedom."

A Captain Tregubov, speaking for the Red Army, voiced the complaint at a group discussion in the house of Soviet Culture, a propaganda establishment in Unter Den Linden.

The Captain recalled the often made complaints of Berliners that Russian combat troops were guilty of rape and looting. The Russians are especially sensitive to the Germans' bitter stories about Red soldiers who stole their watches.

NOT A TOURIST

"Did the Soviet soldier come to Germany as a tourist accepting a friendly invitation?" Capt. Tregubov demanded. "No. He left 1,000 miles of scorched Soviet earth behind him, had seen hundreds of thousands of dead and kidnapped, and his own family dispersed or murdered. Then, here in Germany, he liberated at least part of a country which had been in (Naz) slavery for 12 years."

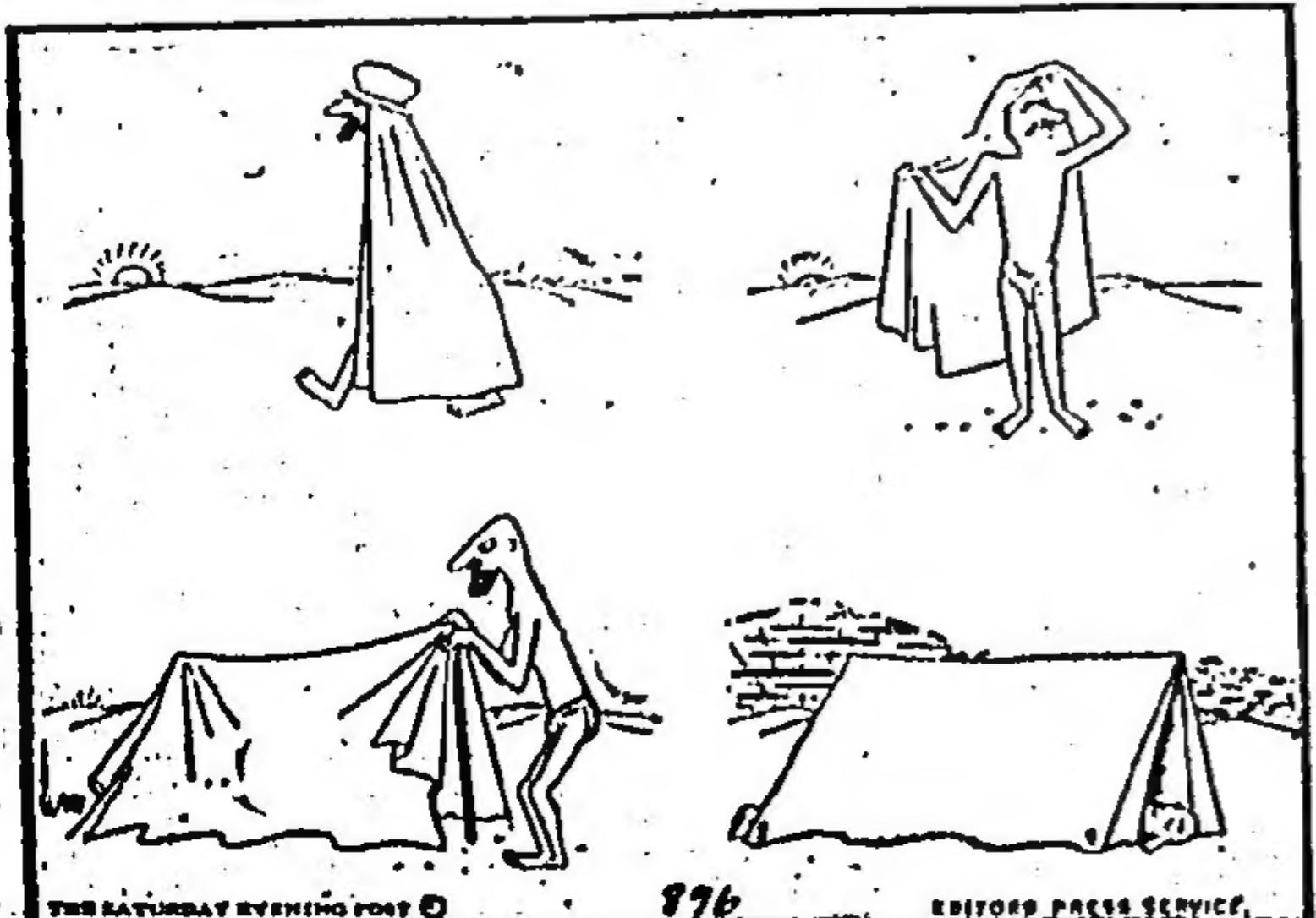
"Many Germans today forget that the Russians brought them freedom, but they don't forget the stolen watches. I believe there are many Berliners who would have offered their watches and bracelets to the Americans if that could have stopped the bombing of their homes."—Associated Press.

Reciprocal Port Rights Urged

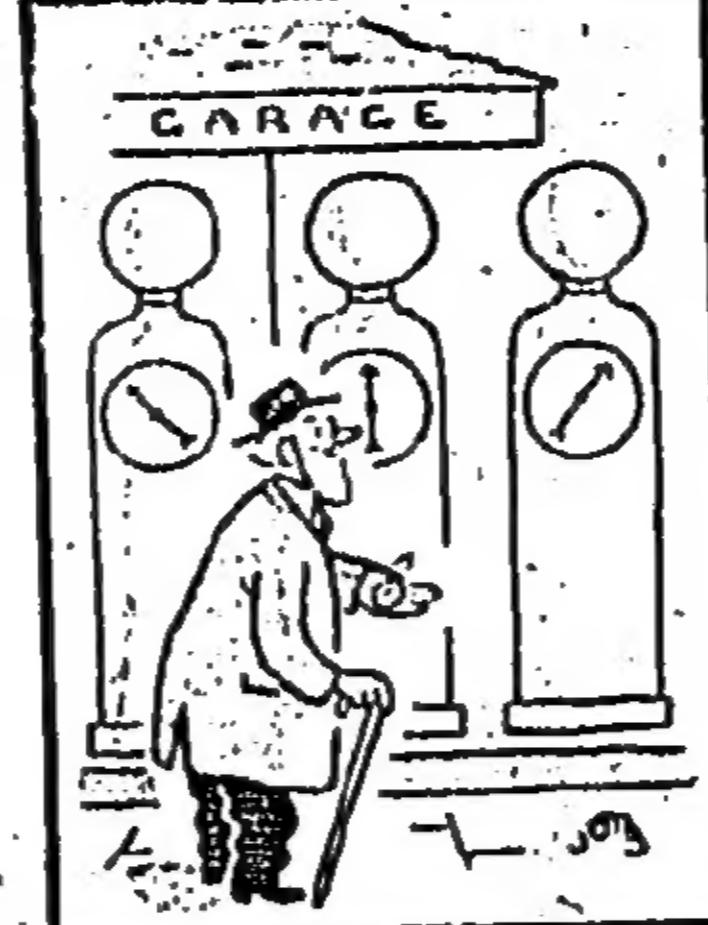
Washington, Jan. 9.—The National Federation of American Shipping, repeating its demand for a larger share of ECA traffic, today warned that Japan's fleet must be kept within "reasonable" limits. The Federation declared that United States ships abroad should receive the same port rights as foreign ships here demanded that Panama Canal tolls on commercial shipping reflect commercial rather than military expenditures.

It urged that the Japanese merchant marine should not be allowed to expand "beyond the reasonable requirements of their own domestic and foreign commerce." It said, "Japan should not be allowed, through economic forces and low wages and living standards, to drive other ships from their proper participation in Pacific trade."

The Federation then added: "She should not be allowed to invade other ports and trades where international incidents may be created."—United Press.



POCKET CARTOON



Russians' Latest Canard

Allies Using POWs As Forced Labour

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The Russians today accused the British, French and American governments of entering into a secret agreement to prevent the repatriation of German prisoners of war, so that they could be sent to forced labour in France, Belgium and other European countries.

The official Soviet News Bureau in Berlin, in a statement, said that as a result the Western Allies had deliberately frustrated the drafting of a repatriation plan in the now defunct Allied Control Council.

The statement said that "the fact" showed the British, French and American authorities sabotaged a repatriation plan so that they could conceal from the Control Council from the German people and from the world that they were sending a considerable number of German prisoners to forced labour in France and other European countries.

Letters received from so-called free labourers in these countries show that there can be no question of voluntariness on their part."

A British spokesman said this latest allegation was completely without foundation. It was obviously designed to divert attention from the fact that the Russians had themselves failed to keep their promise to return all German prisoners of war by December 31, 1948.

He added: "The only German prisoners now in Allied countries are those who remained behind voluntarily."—Reuter.

World May Turn Against Scientists

London, Jan. 9.—The well-known British philosopher, Bertrand Russell, said in a British Broadcasting Corporation broadcast tonight that a powerful anti-scientific movement might well arise as a result of the dangers to human life presented by the atom bomb and possible bacteriological warfare.

He added: "But whatever people may feel about these horrors they dare not turn against the men of science so long as war is at all probable, because if one side were equipped with scientists and the other not, the scientific side would almost certainly win."

He said politicians are in some ways even more powerful than scientists—for more influential than any former period in human history.

"Their relation to the men of science is like that of a magician in the Arabian Nights to a genii who obeys his orders," Russell continued. "The genii does astounding things which the magician, without his help, could not do. But he does them only because he is told to do them and not because of any impulses in himself."

"So it is with the atomic scientists in our day. Some government captures them in their homes or on the high seas, and they are set to work according to the luck of their capture, to slave for the one side or for the other. The politician, when he is successful, is subject to no such coercion."

Otto Hapsburg's Activities

Vienna, Jan. 9.—The Communist Deputy Ernest Fischer told a meeting of Communist leaders in Vienna today that the activities of the Austrian Pretender, Otto Von Hapsburg, were designed to place himself somewhere in Europe like the artificially preserved food under the aegis of the Marshall Plan.

Fischer said that at the moment it was unnecessary to replace Hapsburg in Austria since it was already an American bulwark. But the situation is different in Hungary where obviously a Hapsburg was urgently needed.

Deputy Fischer said the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty was just because he had misused his priestly position.

When he was arrested, Cardinal Mindszenty was charged with having conspired, while in the United States, with Otto Von Hapsburg for the latter's return to the Austro-Hungarian throne.—Reuter.

Grain Supplies Break Down?

Moscow Jan. 9.—The official Communist newspaper Pravda asserted yesterday grain deliveries to non-Communist South Korea have broken down.

The newspaper published a Korean dispatch from the Soviet news agency Tass reporting peasants are withholding grain as a mark of resistance to the South Korean puppet government of Lee Sung-man. Only about 800 tons, or half as much as needed, have been collected, the message said.

Pravda and other Russian newspapers in another article asserted "the traitor, Lee Sung-man" has turned over to Americans important sections of South Korean industry. The article asserted Americans now control 30 percent of the 800 industrial enterprises it is estimated exist in South Korea.—Associated Press.

VOLCANO DIES DOWN

Honolulu, Jan. 9.—Hawaii's erupting volcano, Mauna Loa, was letting up today but a volcano expert said there would be some activity for three or four days more.

The weather lifted to reveal puffs of volcanic smoke which were "not quite as intense" as previously, according to a volcanologist, Ruy Finch.

A party of scientists and rangers who groped down a steep mountain path through a blinding blizzard last night to reach the volcano house on the rim of Kilauea crater, said there had been no further quakes or flows.—United Press.

STIKKER FORESEES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR INDONESIA

The Hague, Jan. 9.—The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr D. U. Stikker predicted yesterday developments in Indonesia will bring:

- 1—Orderly conditions throughout the Islands soon.
- 2—Early resumption of production and export in areas recently occupied by Dutch troops.
- 3—Steady improvement of living standards.
- 4—Reconciliation of Dutch and American views on the handling of the Indonesian problem.
- 5—Co-operation by Western powers in Southeast Asia.

His statements replied to questions submitted by The Associated Press. Mr Stikker declined to speculate whether any of the present Indonesian Republican leaders would be acceptable to his government as future leaders of the country. The Dutch, he said, want Indonesia to elect capable men who can keep order and preserve Democratic freedoms. "It is not for the Netherlands government to decide" who these men shall be, he added.

QUICK INTEGRATION

To a question whether the Dutch intend to delay setting up an interim government of a United States of Indonesia until the Republican territory can be included in it, he replied:

"All parts of Indonesia will have to be integrated as quickly as possible into the total political structure of the future United States of Indonesia under the interim government."

The Dutch seek to unite all of Indonesia into a union under the Netherlands' crown. The Republicans have resisted features of the plan and were unable to agree on how to integrate the Republic into the union.

Mr Stikker said United States official opposition to Dutch military actions against the Indonesian Republicans "reflects a certain distrust of our aims" which "regret."

"I am sure," he added, "that the near future will show that our aims in Indonesia do not diverge from the American view and serve the interests of Southeast Asia in creating a free and sovereign Indonesian State."

Predicting Western power co-operation in Southeast Asia, he said: "Such co-operation is quite normal wherever Democracies exist, or those European powers that formerly had special interests in Asia. Today the U.S. is interested in stable conditions in Asia as much as Western Europe is."—Associated Press.

ALLEGED LETTERS

"Letters received from so-called free labourers in these countries show that there can be no question of voluntariness on their part."

A British spokesman said this latest allegation was completely without foundation. It was obviously designed to divert attention from the fact that the Russians had themselves failed to keep their promise to return all German prisoners of war by December 31, 1948.

He added: "The only German prisoners now in Allied countries are those who remained behind voluntarily."—Reuter.

Police Surround Embassy

Bogota, Jan. 9.—Peruvian police today surrounded Colombia's Embassy in Lima, where Senior Victor Paul Heya de La Torre, leader of the outlawed left-wing Aprista Party had taken refuge.

Peru has refused him a safe conduct to Colombia requested by the Colombian Government.

The Colombian Foreign Minister, Senior Zuleta, declared on hearing the news that Colombia would stand firm on her inflexible policy of granting asylum to foreign political refugees.

Several Aprista leaders have been arrested by the police while some have fled the country.

The party, outlawed both by the recently overthrown Government and by the present one, is alleged to have taken part in a naval revolt at Callao on October 3 before the revolution.—Reuter.

More Dead Bodies Picked Up

Shanghai, Jan. 10.—About 150 more corpses were picked up in the streets during the past two days as the cold wave continued unabated, according to reports.

The total number of street deaths has thus been pushed up to over 1,000 during the first nine days of this year.—Reuter.

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